

Maryland SHIP "Health Action" Newsletter

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Frederick County Mobile Clinic and Hospital Collaborate



A pilot program between Frederick Memorial Hospital and the [Mission of Mercy](#) mobile clinic hopes to improve health by reducing hospital readmissions and provide patients with a place to get regular medical care. The mobile walk-in clinic has served over 28,000 uninsured and underinsured patients in Maryland, with over 166,000 visits and 358,000 free prescriptions dispensed.

Through the pilot program, when the hospital treats a patient who does not have a primary care physician, it recommends the patient to the mobile clinic for follow-up care. Since this additional care is essential for recovery, the mobile clinic is expected to operate more frequently in Frederick County.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) for more information about Mission of Mercy.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing the proportion of individuals who are unable to afford to see a doctor.

Anne Arundel County Encourages Medical Providers to Make HIV Testing Routine



In 2013, the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended](#) that health care providers screen people ages 15 to 65, including all pregnant women, for HIV infections. Due to provisions of the Affordable Care Act, adolescents and adults at an increased risk of HIV can be screened without copays through insurance. According to SHIP county level data, the rate of new HIV infections in Anne Arundel County was 10.6 per 100,000 population in 2011. The Anne Arundel County Department of Health offers year-round free and confidential HIV testing and HIV/AIDS services at the Annapolis, Glen Burnie and Parole Health Centers.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Anne Arundel County

HIV/AIDS Epidemiological Profile.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Task Force recommendation.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing new HIV infections among adults and adolescents.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Funding Opportunity



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Population Health/Arthritis Program, is providing an opportunity for local health departments to deliver the Stanford model Chronic Disease Self-Management Program or Arthritis Self-Management Program. The CDSMP "expands the use of evidenced-based programs while enhancing the well-being and self-efficacy of persons with a chronic illness" (NACCHO, 2014)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) for more information about Maryland's Living Well program.

To learn more about how CDSMP is currently being implemented in your area or about opportunities for partnering, please contact Sue Vaeth at sue.vaeth@maryland.gov.

The deadline for applications is February 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. ET.

February Is National Children's Dental Health Month



The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Office of Oral Health recognizes February as National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. In the U.S., dental cavities are five times more common than asthma. In Maryland, 24.7% of kindergarten and 41.9% of third grade children have tooth decay according to the 2011-2012 Oral Health School Survey. In order to improve oral health in Maryland, the Office of Oral Health encourages taking care of children's teeth with recommended dental health care habits.

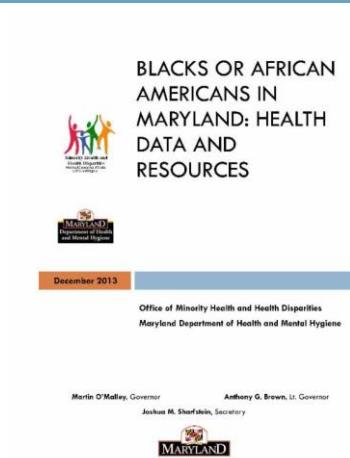
Click [here](#) for Children's Dental Health Month planning materials from the Office of Oral Health.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Healthy Teeth, Healthy Kids Web site.

Click [here](#) for Children's Dental Health Month materials from the American Dental Association.

View the **SHIP measure** and **tools** for increasing the proportion of children who receive dental care.

New Report Provides Health Data and Resources for Maryland's Black or African American Community



The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recently released the fourth report in a series to raise awareness and provide resources for minority health conditions. The report entitled "Blacks or African Americans in Maryland: Health Data and Resources," provides data on health disparities impacting African Americans in the state.

Highlights of the report suggest that Blacks in Maryland were approximately two times more likely than Non-Hispanic Whites to be unable to afford to see a doctor and to be without health insurance during 2006-2010. Similarly, the report also highlights disparities in the 2011 HIV incidence rate and the 2008-2012 infant mortality rate, which were 9.8 and 2.7 times higher than that of Non-Hispanic Whites in Maryland respectively.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to access the report.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.